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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON ENMOD

REF: STATE 121266

1. SUMMARY. MFA HAS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE U.S. INITIATIVE ON BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON ENMOD, AND HAS PROMISED A DETAILED REPLY TO QUESTIONS POSED IN REFTEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE SOVIETS SUGGESTED THAT CONSULTATIONS CONTINUE TO BE CARRIED OUT THROUGH DIPLOMATIC HANNELS RATHER THAN AT SPECIALLY CONVENED MEETING. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF MET WITH TIMERBAYEV AND VAVILOV OF MFA'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DIVISION MAY 19 TO PASS CONSIDERATIONS ON ENMOD DRAFT CONTAINED REFTEL. EMBOFF MADE POINTS IN PARAS 1 AND 2 OF REFTEL ORALLY, AND HANDED TIMERBAYEV A NON-PEPER DRAWN FROM REMAINING PARAGRAPHS.

3. EIMERBAYEV ASKED IF THE U.S. INTENDED TO CONDUCT SUCH DISCUSSIONS ONLY WITH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT. EMBOFF ASSURED HIM THAT WAS THE CASE. TIMERBAYEV THEN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE INITIATIVE, REMARKING THAT HE AD HIS ADVISORS

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HAD BEEN TOYING WITH THE IDEA OF SUGGESTING SUCH BILATERAL

CONSULTATIONS THEMSELVES.

4. TIMBERBAYEV LEAFED BRIEFLY THROUGH THE NON-PAPER, PAUSING ONLY ON THE PARA RELATING TO THE DRAFT ARTICLE V, WHICH HE SAID WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE TO CONSIDER. HE ASKED IF WEHAD ANY MORE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS ON WHAT "ADJUSTMENTS" IN THE ARTICLE THE U.S. MIGHT HAVE IN MIND. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT. EMBOFF CONTINUED TAT, AS STATED IN THE NON-PAPER,THE U.S. WAS WILLING TO LEAVE THE ARTICLE IN ITS PRESENT FORM BUT BELIEVE THAT CHANGES MAY BECOME NECESSARY IN ORDER TO SATISFY OTHER DELEGATIONS. EMBOFF ADDED THAT THE U.S. IS AWARE OF SOVIET RELUCTANCE TO CHANGE THE ARTICLE, BUT WOULD NEVERTHE- LESS APPRECIATE KNOWING ABOUT ANY MODIFICATIONS WHICH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT MIGHT CONSIDER ACCEPTABLE.

5. TIMERBAYEV SAID HE WOULD MAKE NO FURTHER COMMENTS IN DETAIL ON THE NON-PAPER, BUT WOULD STUDY IT CLOSELY AND WOULD REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN ANSWER TO EMBOFF'S QUERY ON HOW HE WOULD PREFER FURTHER CCONSULTATIONS TO BE CARRIED OUT, TIMERBAYEV REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE "PRACTICABLE" TO ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE FOR SPECIAL CONSULTATIONS IN EITHER WASHINGTON OR GENEVA IN TIME REMAINING BEFORE THE CCD SESSION. HE SUGGESTED THAT FOR THE INTERIM, AT LEAST, WE CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION THROUGH THE CHANNEL USED IN THIS FIRST MEETING. STOESEL

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